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WHITE HOUSE FOR GEORGE WILLIAMS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: OCCUPATION OF KHMER MISSION

SUMMARY: KHMER MISSION WAS OCCUPIED MORNING OF OCTOBER 28 BY TEN AMERICAN PRO-GRUNK DEMONSTRATORS. AFTER REFUSING TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY, THEY WERE REMOVED BY POLICE AND HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO FBI FOR PROSECUTION UNDER PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIAL ACT. DAMAGE AT KHMER MISSION WAS MINOR. END SUMMARY.

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 8.45 AM OCT 29 A GROUP OF TEN AMERICANS OCCUPIED GKR MISSION ON 29TH FLOOR, 845 THIRD AVE. GROUP GAINED ACCESS TO MISSION AND EVICTED AN ATTACHE AND A SECRETARY. PERMREP CHHUT CHHOEUR, WHEN INFORMED BY THE ATTACHE, CALLED USUN WHICH IN TURN NOTIFIED POLICE AND FBI. GROUP POSTED AN "EVICITION NOTICE" IN LOBBY OF BUILDING AND ON DOOR OF KHMER MISSION SAYING THAT LON NOL GOVT HAD BEEN EVICTED "BY THE PEOPLE OF THE US." WHO WOULD OCCUPY PREMISES UNTIL "RIGHTFUL GOVT OF PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK" WAS RESTORED TO ITS SEAT IN UN AND LON NOL GOVT WAS OVERTHROWN.

2. AFTER ATTEMPTS BY CHHUT CHHOEUR AND POLICE TO TALK GROUP INTO

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VACATING PREMISES IN AN ORDERLY MANNER HAD FAILED, POLICE

ON AUTHORITY OF CHHUT CHHOEUR (IN TELEPHONE CONSULTATION WITH FONMIN KEUKY LIM) INFORMED GROUP FORMALLY THEY WOULD HAVE TO VACATE PREMISES OR BE ARRESTED. GROUP REFUSED: BARRICADED DOOR WAS FORCED BY POLICE, AND GROUP ARRESTED. THEY WERE TAKEN TO 17TH POLICE PRECINCT, LOCATED ACROSS STREET, AND PROCESSED.

3. BY THE TIME THE GROUP WAS BEING REMOVED, SEVERAL REPORTERS OF PRESS WIRE SERVICES AND TELEVISION HAD ARRIVED. GROUP ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE CONDEMNING GKR AND DENOUNCING US INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ITS WAS SIGNED "MEMBERS OF INDOCHINA PEACE COMMITTEE, INDOCHINA SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE, VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, AND WHITE LIGHTENING". POLICE RECOGNIZED SEVERAL DEMONSTRATORS AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MARCH ON KHMER MISSION OCT 21 AND IN EARLIER VIETNAM DEMONSTRATIONS.

4. KHMERS HAD NOT ANTICIPATED OCCUPATION OF THEIR OFFICES AND THEIR SECURITY HAS BEEN RUDIMENTARY. MOST CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, WERE KEPT IN LOCKED FILE CABINETS, AND AS FAR AS KHMER MISSION HAS BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE NONE WERE ENTERED. DEMONSTRATORS CONFIRMED THEMSELVES TO TELEPHONING PRESS, POSTING PICTURES OF SIHANOUK, WRITING "TRAITOR" ON PHOTOGRAPHS OF LON NOL, AND SMEARING GLUE ON PHOTOGRAPHS OF OTHER CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS. TWO TELEGRAMS SENT ON GKR TELEX WERE LATER CANCELLED BY GKR MISSION. MOST OF DAMAGE IN OFFICE WAS RESULT OF PILING FURNITURE AGAINST DOOR AS A BARRICADE.

5. ON COMPLETION OF ARREST PROCESS AT 17TH PRECINCT, TEN INDIVIDUALS REMOVED FROM KHMER MISSION WERE TURNED OVER TO FBI FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PROSECUTION UNDER FEDERAL LAW BY ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY THOMAS EDWARDS. GROUP WAS TAKEN TO FBI OFFICE FOR FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING AND WOULD BE ARRAIGNED LATER IN DAY AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT IN MANHATTAN AND CHARGED WITH VIOLATION TITLE 18, SECTION 112-A.

6. USUN HAS MADE REQUEST THROUGH WHITE HOUSE FOR EPS OFFICER TO BE POSTED AT KHMER MISSION DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

7. AMB CHHUT CHHOEUR REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE INCIDENT AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ACTION TAKEN BY POLICE. HE
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THANKED USUN FOR ITS ASSISTANCE. AMB BENNETT TELEPHONED AND AMB WHITE CALLED ON CHHUT CHHOEUR TO EXPRESS OFFICIALLY USUN REGRETS.

8. AT THREE O'CLOCK AFTERNOON OCT 28 DEMONSTRATORS RETURNED TO PICKET GKR MISSION BUT WERE REMOVED BY POLICE.
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